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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

GROUP ART UNIT: 1761

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In re application of: Aaron Strand,)
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Application No: 10/804,403)
Filed: November 20, 2002)
Attorney Docket No. 8362-DIV)

For: A RESEALABLE BAG FOR
FILLING WITH FOOD
PRODUCT(S) AND METHOD

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AMENDMENT E

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2003, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the specification and claims as amended are respectfully requested. Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time of two months in responding to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, on the

above-identified application. The extension extends the time to respond from March 23, 2004, to May 23, 2004, and this petition, together with an amendment and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow this Amendment E to be submitted five months after the date of the Office Action.

Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(2) for a large entity, which is a \$420.00 extension fee for response within the second month. Since after the Amendment E, 73 claims remain pending, of which 8 are independent, and since in the application 94 claims were paid for, of which 18 were independent, no additional fee is believed to be due.

The total thus due for this Amendment E is \$420.00, and a check for the \$420.00 for the extension fee is enclosed herewith. The Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any additional fee(s) required to secure entry of this Amendment E, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the replacement drawing sheets appended hereto and an explanation of the changes is presented on page 4 of this Amendment E.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this Amendment E.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this Amendment E.

Remarks begin on page 28 of this Amendment E.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 45 of this Amendment E.

Please make the following amendments to the application:

In the Drawings:

Please amend Fig. 3 by deleting the occurrence of the reference numeral "19" which appears without a lead line and above the reference numeral "12," and by replacing the remaining two occurrences of the reference numeral "19" with the reference numeral "18."

An annotated drawing sheet (a marked-up copy of the amended figures and a replacement sheet are submitted herewith. The annotated drawings sheet is identified as "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes." A replacement drawing sheet showing the amended figure on a separate sheet is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.84 and is identified as "Replacement Sheet."